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### **Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Hosts Distributed Energy Workshop**

***Speakers Represent Industry Experts, Market Participants***

**Frankfort, Ky.** (March 19, 2015) – The Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence (DEDI) is hosting a one-day workshop for utility providers, energy regulators and related energy advisers and researchers to learn about the challenges and opportunities of Distributed Energy Resources (DER). The workshop is April 15 at the Department for Environmental Protection, 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort.

“The workshop will begin with opening remarks by Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters and Kentucky Public Service Commission Vice Chairman James Gardner,” said Kenya Stump, assistant director of DEDI’s Division of Renewable Energy. “The intent of the workshop is to outline how DER is currently utilized and how it could be utilized in the future in Kentucky.”

State and national industry leaders from utility providers, the Electric Power Research Institute, Solar Electric Power Association and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will discuss current programs, technology and various applications of DERs in Kentucky and other markets.

Early registration is recommended by April 8, as space is limited. Cost to attend the workshop is \$20 per person and may be made on line at <http://dedi.ticketleap.com/kentucky-distributed-energy-resource-workshop/>.

DER is a device that produces electricity, and is connected to the electrical system, either “behind the meter” on the customer’s premise, or on the utility’s primary distribution system. These resources can utilize a variety of energy inputs including liquid petroleum fuels, biofuels, natural gas, solar, wind, geothermal and include energy storage devices.

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